Representation received from the Pensioners of the State praying for certain relief.

*Q.—698. Sri P. F. D'MELLOW (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there has been any communication from the Central Government to State Government concerning representations received by that Government from its pensioners praying for certain relief ;

(*b*) whether Government is aware of the economic distress experienced by their pensioned employees due to the steep rise in the cost of living, and if so, whether Government intend to take any steps to ameliorate their condition ;

(*c*) whether Government have received any representations from their pensioners in the State praying for an increase in the dearness allowance, and extension of suitable concessions in regard to medical and educational facilities for their children and dependants ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) No such communication has been received from the Government of India. But representations received by the Government of India from the Pensioners' Associations, have been forwarded to this Government for disposal.

(*b*) Government have already taken steps to afford as much relief as possible consistent with the financial resources of the State.

(*c*) Yes.

Sri P. F. D'MELLOW.—Sir, what is the nature of the representations ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The representations were and are for increasing the dearness allowance.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Held over Question No. 621 may be taken up.

Master plan for Greater Mangalore.

*Q.—621. Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA (Suratkal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a Master plan for Greater Mangalore has been prepared ;

(*b*) if so, what is the extent of area proposed to be covered and the names of the subarban villages proposed to be covered in this Greater Mangalore Plan ?

A.—Sri K PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*)